

COMMUNITY NEWS



Front Row (Left to Right): Gabby Pope, Ashley Bailey, Kayla Rials, Cortlin Lee, Molly McGuire. Back Row (Left to Right): Meredith Brunson, April Finadore, Kynu Coleman, Maisie Thomas, Corinne Driggers.

The Elba Junior Varsity Cheerleaders attend UCA Cheerleader Camp

The Elba Junior Varsity High Cheerleaders attended UCA cheerleader camp at Troy University July 6th through the 9th. These girls worked throughout the summer preparing for their trip to Troy. Summer practices consisted of conditioning, learning cheers, mastering new stunts, and perfecting their dance for competi-

tion. On the first night of camp the squad performed in the Home Pom Competition. While at camp they also learned many new cheers, sidelines, and dances for use during the upcoming football and basketball seasons. The final day proved that hard work really does pay off! They received the following awards: Camp

Champion Cheer, Camp Champion Extreme Routine, Runner-up Home Pom Competition. They also received a spirit stick and all blue support or ribbons throughout the week. In addition to team awards, Cortlin Lee was a jump-off finalist and Kayla Rials was selected as a UCA All-Star Cheerleader.

Members of Congress tour humvee up-armour site

Congressional Representatives and Staff toured the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's (TACOM) Arifjan Forward Repair Activity (FRA) today, to see how tactical vehicles are repaired and up-armored to support the Soldier in South West Asia.

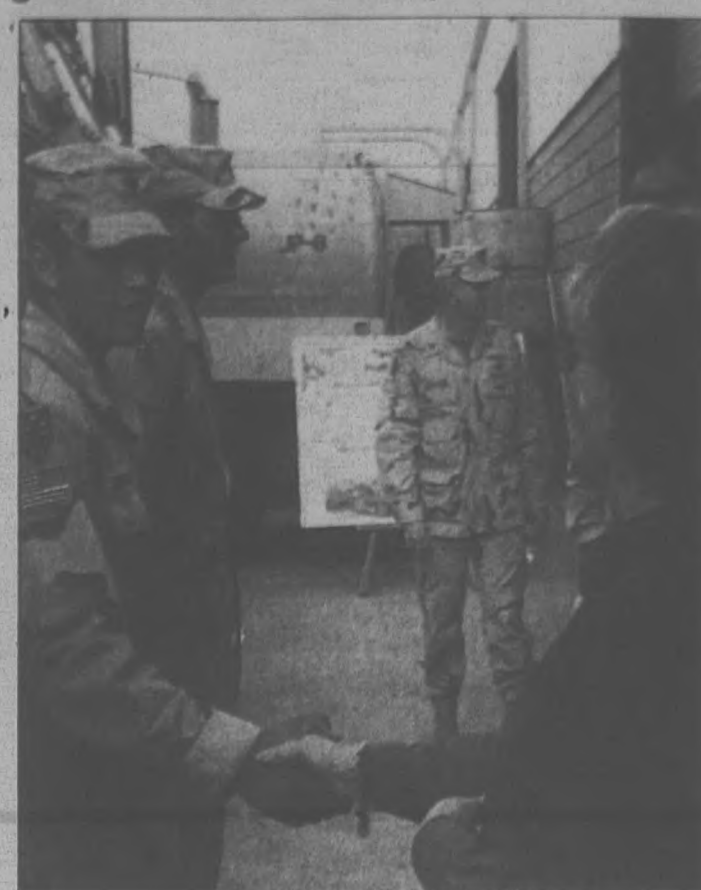
Representatives Geoff Davis, Kentucky, Madeline Bordallo, Territory of Guam, Mike Conway, Texas, Jim Cooper, Tennessee, Kenny Marchant, Texas, and Lynn Westmoreland of Georgia were shown where engines and transmissions are re-built and where Army tactical vehicles are armored by Army civilian employees.

Soldiers of the 7th Transportation Group, who drive armored convoy trucks into Iraq were also at the FRA to visit briefly with the delegation.

Brig Gen. Kevin Leonard, commander of the Army Materiel Command's Forward Support Element, South West Asia, conducted the tour at the Arifjan facility, one of several forward repair centers AMC oversees in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Qatar.

Forward Repair Activity Division Chief Michael Campbell, Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, Alabama and Shop Supervisor James Cromer from Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, assisted with the tour.

To date, the facility has



Congressional Delegation greets Soldiers in Kuwait. Representative Madeline Bordallo, Territory of Guam, visits with Spec. Tony Johnson, Elba, Ala., during a congressional tour of an up-armour facility at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Johnson is a convoy truck driver transporting equipment to/from Iraq.

repaired and up-armored more than 32,000 vehicles, re-built more than 700 engines on tactical vehicles. Army and Navy civilians, Soldiers and contract civilians at the Arifjan facilities have installed thousands of armor kits and air conditioners on tactical vehicles for use in

Iraq and Afghanistan, returning more than \$28.7 million of serviceable major components to the Army's supply system here.

The AMC has overall responsibility for all of the Army's pre-positioned equipment inventory and repair.

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worked to help others become more confident and in control of their finances," said Ivey. "I have a passion for financial literacy. These monthly financial tips provide practical tools for Alabama's citizens to responsibly manage their personal finances."

"Throughout my career I have

Treasurer Ivey's July financial tip - write it down

In her continued effort to provide sound financial advice to Alabamians, Treasurer Kay Ivey today announced her financial tip for the month of July. This month, Ivey is encouraging individuals to keep a strict record of expenses for one month.

"Take next month and record your expenses," said Ivey.

"Write down everything and then review it at the end of the month. Categorize your spending and you'll begin to see where you spend and can save. You'll be surprised by how much you can begin to save once you really know where your money is going."

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Warrants issued for arrest of nine individuals

District Attorney reveals investigation of sex-related crimes involving children

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Gary McAliley revealed Friday afternoon, July 22, the results of a joint investigation by the New Brockton Police Department, Elba Police Department, District Attorney's office and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

During a press conference held at the Elba Courthouse, McAliley said several warrants of arrest were issued Friday for sex-related crimes involving children. He said Coffee County law enforcement officers received two reports earlier this year, and investigations by the officers led to Friday's announcement.

"They've (officers) worked together very well," McAliley said. "They've done so to protect the children of our community."

McAliley said the investigation began after Officer John Greene of the New Brockton Police Department began looking into a report that a single parent was leaving her 11-year-old female child unattended at

night while she, the mother, worked as a bartender. He said the investigation revealed that after the mother would leave for work, other similar aged children would come over to the residence.

"Adult males and one adult female would then arrive and on occasion furnish drugs and engage in various sexual activities with the children," McAliley said. "On one occasion, an adult from Covington County manufactured a video featuring the children engaging in sexual activities."

The district attorney said the adult, a female, can be heard on the video giving explicit instructions.

McAliley said a second report of sexual activities involving children led the investigation to the Elba area. He said officers discovered that parents were dropping their female children off at a local skating rink in Elba, leaving them unattended.

After the parents left, McAliley said non-related individuals would pick the children up and take them to various locations in Coffee County where sexual activities with the

children would take place. The children then would be taken back to the skating rink before their parents returned to pick them up for the evening.

McAliley stressed that the skating rink had no part in the incidents other than it happened to be the place where the children were being dropped off.

"To all parents of young children, do your best to know where your children are," said McAliley. "Don't assume they are safe from harm if dropped off at an amusement business, and don't leave your children without proper adult supervision."

On Friday, he said warrants of arrest were issued for the following persons in regards to the above mentioned reports:

• Andrew Baxley, age 20, of Elba, Ala., charged with rape in the second degree. McAliley said his victim was 15-years-old.

• Tim Baxley, age 19, of Elba.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DISTRICT ATTORNEY Gary McAliley (front, center) was joined by officers from the Elba and New Brockton police departments Friday afternoon, July 22, for a press conference held at the Elba courthouse announcing the issuance of warrants for arrest regarding various sex related crimes. Joining McAliley was (from left): Andy Cunter, investigator with the Elba Police Department; Dale Grimes, assistant chief for the Town of New Brockton; John Greene, New Brockton Police officer; and Tony Harrison, investigator with the Elba Police Department.

Elba City Council lowers speed limit on portion of Smith Avenue

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved amendments to the annual operating budget to reflect the increase in the cost of gasoline. The corresponding increase of income to keep the budget in balance is reflected in state and federal grants received.

The council approved a resolution reducing the speed limit on Smith Avenue from the 203 Bypass to the dead end where the crooked bridge was removed. Signs will be posted cutting speeds down to 35 and then to 25 MPH at the lower end of the street. This will be effective immediately.

The council agreed to again waive the noise ordinance from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. on August 6th for the Undefined Customs Car Show "Street Heat 2005". It will again be held in the parking lot of the closed shopping center on the Troy Highway, across from Legion Field.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey introduced two new police officers to the governing body. Richard Moss, more recently with the Red Level Police Department, and Ashley Paul, a former Elba police officer and more recently with the Enterprise department, are now on duty patrolling the streets of Elba. Moss, an ordained minister will also serve as the department Chaplain.

Hanchey also updated council members on efforts to begin a city-wide community crime watch program. The initial organizational meeting was scheduled at the Elba Fire Department on Tuesday evening, July 26th. Hanchey promised food would be available for all who attended.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham noted that the long awaited new trash truck has arrived and is in service. He added that the administration is well pleased with the new equipment.

Grantham also told council members that a study is underway on the best way to get citizens to separate their trash into four groups: limbs-sand-leaves, white goods(appliances), electronics, and then everything else. He and Mayor James Grimes explained that such action could save the city and ultimately the taxpayers money. Items that do not have to go to the landfill will save travel time and tipping fees. That would include the first

three of the above categories.

Mayor Grimes said he is already working on the budget for next year and is getting input from the various city departments. He will also be in meet-

ings this week on renewing the garbage pick-up contract which expires in December. The mayor expects an increase in charges but does not know how much to expect.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Reward announced for bridge burning incidents

gator with the Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, delivered news to commissioners that a request to offer a reward for the capture of the person(s) responsible for burning two county bridges earlier this year has been approved by the governor's office.

Holley said the governor's office has approved a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the fires. He said officials with the governor's office said rewards are normally reserved for violent crimes such as murder; however, the office has agreed to set this money aside hoping to lead to the capture the arsonists(s).

"Arson is one of the hardest crimes there is to solve," Holley said. "Maybe this \$5,000 will bring someone out to lead to the solving of these crimes."

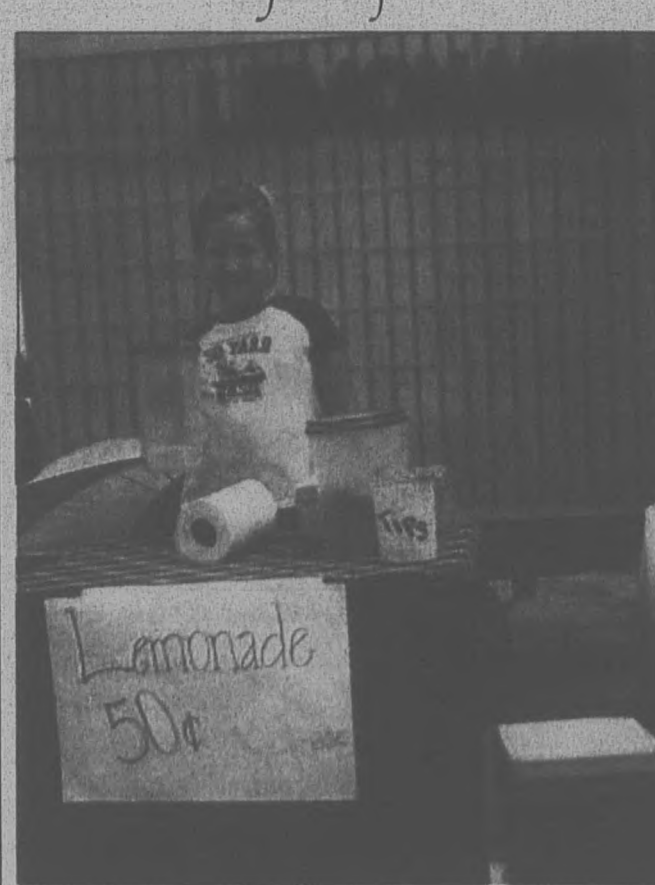
In early January of this year, a timber bridge on County Road 365 was completely destroyed by a fire officials said was set by an arsonist. Then, in early May, a timber bridge on County Road 323 was heavily damaged by fire.

After the fire on County Road 323, county commissioners requested permission to offer a reward.

County engineer Randy Tindell requested several items be approved by commissioners during Monday's meeting.

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Hot summer days with fresh cool lemonade



MAKENZIE WAMBLES, age 8, discovered this week that ice cold lemonade on a hot summer day not only quenches a thirst but it also is a good way to make some extra spending money. Makenzie set her lemonade stand up Tuesday morning and found business to be pretty good with temperatures reaching the 100 degree mark. When asked what she was going to do with her money, Makenzie said she hoped to spend it at a toy store, but she "might" use it for school supplies.



FORMER GOVERNOR DON SIEGELMAN is shown being greeted by Herby McCall, left, and Elba City Councilman Ronnie Hammond Monday morning in Elba. Siegelman was in Elba on another stop with his "Listening Post" visits all across Alabama. His purpose with these visits is to find out first hand what is on the minds of Alabama voters. He got an ear full in Elba, including the continued delays in the 4-laning of U. S. Highway 84 through Elba. The former governor told Elba citizens Monday that he has not made a final decision on again running for governor. Following his breakfast meeting at the Ranch House, Siegelman made several stops at area coffee shops and visited the courthouse before moving on to Enterprise and then Geneva for additional "Listening Post" stops.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2006 on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6:15 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11. Both hearings will be held at the board of education administrative office at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens are invited to attend the budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 11, the board will hold a special meeting at 12 Noon to approve the FY2006 budget.

UNDEFINED CUSTOMS STREET HEAT 2005 will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, in the old United Super parking lot on Hwy. 87 North in Elba. Events will include the car show (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.), stereo competition (12:00 until) radio toss (1:30 p.m.), waffles (2:00 p.m.), barbecue contest (2 p.m.), as well as, raffles and live music throughout the day. All proceeds go to Operation Santa Claus. For more information, visit the website at: www.undefinedcustoms.com.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME will be supporting the Elba Bypass Support Group Meetings, every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will start at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For any questions concerning the Support Group Meetings, contact: Cindy Murphy, CDM, CFPF at 334-897-2257 ext. 207 between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon-Fri.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

News of Valerie Plame's secret CIA identity followed public criticism leveled against the Bush White House by Plame's husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson. He suggested the administration had manipulated intelligence to justify going to war in Iraq and could be correct. It spawned weeks of wrangling with news reporters about who actually told them the information. On a debate team, we could argue either side of that issue, but truthfully, neither side is pure white in this department. There have been major blunders by news folks in recent years, all because they were over eager to "get out the story". In at least one case it cost lives of innocent people. Then Wilson himself was caught in a lie (a fact he now tries to pass over) when he told the press who had recommended him for that trip to Africa. Actually it was his wife, not the Pentagon, not the VP, etc. If he didn't want to reveal her secret work, why did he have to say anything?

Judge John Roberts for the U. S. Supreme Court - oh no he is a m-a-n! One group of opponents could only come up with that complaint. Others don't like his smile, the way his children dress, etc. Within twelve (yes 12) minutes of the president announcing Roberts as his recommendation for the appointment, opponents passed out press releases condemning the action. Of course supporters were just about as fast with their press releases supporting Judge Roberts. It gives the impression that each group had their statement ready and only needed to plug in a name before sending it out to the world.

Remember, you read it here first. . . . John Roberts will be confirmed for a seat on the Supreme Court. We will keep a little wiggle room by adding an IF. If opponents don't uncover some deep dark secret in his closet that he has managed to keep hidden thus far in his career.

A group with conservative in their name recently proposed the deposed Alabama Judge Roy Moore for the U. S. Supreme Court. Not in our wildest dreams can we envision the U. S. Congress approving a lifetime appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court for a man who just a year earlier had been removed from a similar position on a state court. While it is much easier to talk and write that Moore was removed from office for displaying the Ten Commandments, the facts are he was removed for defying a decision by the federal courts - a decision which was upheld by this very U. S. Supreme Court.

Late Monday afternoon the red haze promised for the past week by the weather predictors did appear. It will be with us several days and is the tail end of a dust storm that arose in Africa. The winds swept the desert sand up into the sky and all the way across the ocean . . . to America. They promise that except for the red haze in the sky, the only other thing the Southern part of the U. S. will get from this unusual happening is some beautiful sunsets and sunrises. By getting up a few minutes earlier in the morning and/or slowing down a few minutes in the evening, those lucky enough to live in the South can again enjoy the beautiful skies placed here for personal enjoyment by our God.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 18, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one leaving the scene of an accident, one burglary, one domestic violence, four for theft of property, one production of obscene matter, one rape, two for harassment, one found property, one criminal mischief and one reckless endangerment. The following arrests were made: four for failure to appear, one for harassment, one for menacing, one for rape, one for sodomy and one for theft of property. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JULY 18 - Burglary reported at 825 Putnam St. (6:17 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10177 Hwy. 125 (11:54 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported in progress at 609 Pine Cove (6:58 p.m.).

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Are you standing in the way of progress?

Editorial by Ron Sparks
Alabama's Agriculture and
Industries Commissioner

The United States Supreme Court's recent ruling concerning private property rights reminds me of my Grandmother's stories from the early 1950s. During that time in our country, the Freeway system was being created. Grandmother told me stories of men with clipboards going through neighborhoods, from house to house, knocking on doors. When told that the Freeway was coming through their front yard, the startled folks would all shout: "You can't take my home!" The men with clipboards would simply respond: "Yes we can. You're standing in the way of progress."

The US Constitution says the

AEC to lower Point A Lake after Labor Day

Property owners are advised that Point A Lake near Gantt, Ala., will be lowered after Labor Day to allow for maintenance to the Point A Dam. Initially, the lake will be lowered 18 feet (as measured at Point A Dam) to allow for minor repairs to the dam. After approximately one week at the lower level, the lake will be allowed to partially fill as incoming water allows. Point A Lake will remain five to six feet below normal pool for several weeks to allow for additional maintenance.

A definite timeline for the project has not been established, and a more detailed schedule will be provided to the public as it becomes available.

"Residents with property along the lake can take advantage of the lower water levels to make any repairs to existing facilities," says Cathryn Gibson, AEC manager of corporate communication. "Property owners are reminded that a permit is required from AEC for any new construction."

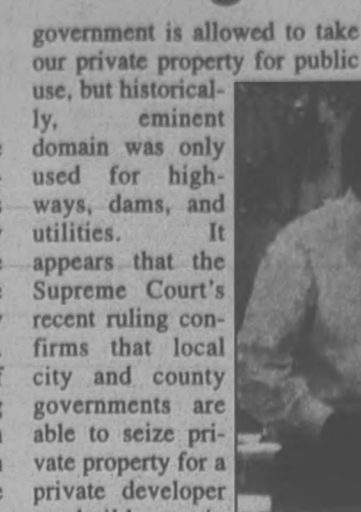
Elba Police Report

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 - Wreck reported on Hickman Ave. at Cook Ford (7:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 322 E. Davis St. (1:31 p.m.); Burglary reported at 325 Brunson Circle (3:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 21 - Wreck (vehicle vs. vehicle vs. building) reported at the intersection of Claxton Avenue, Buford Street and OK Tire Store (7:18 a.m.); Wreck (one-vehicle) reported on Hwy. 125 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 404 County Rd. 411 (11:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6245 County Rd. 110 (6:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 248 (10:19 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Friday, July 21 (10:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 22 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (1:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1840 County Rd. 409 (3:31 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Powell Trailer Court, Lot 12 (7:08 p.m.); Prowler reported at 781 Claxton Ave. (11:08 p.m.).

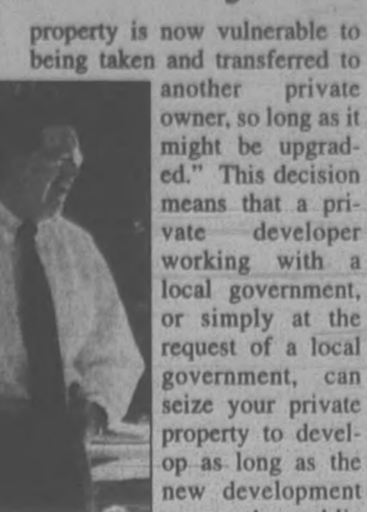
SATURDAY, JULY 23 - Prowler reported on Hwy. 87 N. (5:11 a.m.); River stage - 7.18 feet (7:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1355



Ron Sparks

government is allowed to take our private property for public use, but historically, eminent domain was only used for highways, dams, and utilities. It appears that the Supreme Court's recent ruling confirms that local city and county governments are able to seize private property for a private developer to build on in order to generate more money from taxes. This seizure power is a bit different than civil use in our past.

According to retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's dissent, "under the banner of economic development, all private



Elba Elementary School principal and reading program coordinator speak to Elba Kiwanis Club

property is now vulnerable to being taken and transferred to another private owner, so long as it might be upgraded." This decision means that a private developer working with a local government, or simply at the request of a local government, can seize your private property to develop as long as the new development serves the public interest, public purpose, or public use. Creating economic development is now an acceptable use of the government's power of eminent domain. This fact greatly disturbs me. As the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, I am worried about the private property rights of our Alabama farmers, landowners, and private citizens.

Additionally, this 5-4

Elba Elementary School principal and reading program coordinator speak to Elba Kiwanis Club

Members of the Elba Kiwanis Club heard about the new reading program to be implemented at Elba Elementary School when the new principal, Ms. Kesha Brackins and the Curriculum Program Coordinator, Ms. Gina Donaldson Price, spoke at the Kiwanis Breakfast meeting at the Ranch House at 7 A.M. on July 21.

Elba Elementary School recently received an Alabama Reading First Initiative Grant for \$200,000 to implement "Reading Mastery Plus" in grades Kindergarten through third grade. The school will fund the program for grades four through sixth. This program is to assist with raising the percentage of students reading on grade level from 69 percent to this year's goal of 80 percent.

Ms. Brackins reported that all teachers and staff have been trained to implement the reading program every morning, from 8:00 until 10:00. Children will be placed in groups based on data gathered from end of the year placement tests. Student performance will be closely monitored and students reading placement will be readjusted as needed. Students in grades third through sixth will return to homeroom classes at the end of the reading block.

Ms. Price was assigned as Curriculum/Program

Coordinator this summer. She has worked with this program before and will carefully monitor it at all grade levels. She explained that while the grant was for one year, the school could re-submit the request for additional funding at the end of each year for up to six years.

Kiwanian Doug Martin Jr. presented Sam Cooper, presi-

dent, a check for \$5,000 from The National Security Group for the Elba Playground. Members were encouraged to go to the City of Elba's website, www.elbaalabama.net, to check out "Current Projects" and click on the playground for current information about the playground.

During a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Tuesday, July 26, board members approved an incentive plan to help keep substitute bus drivers available during the school year.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said available substitute bus drivers continue to be a problem; therefore, she along with transportation supervisor, Ted Fillingim, and the school principals created a proposal to present board members for approval.

She said the proposal calls for the school system to have two people at each of the three school sites as on-call emergency substitute drivers. The teachers willing to be on-call emergency substitute drivers would agree to drive a route if a driver could not be found. The teachers also would be required to have a CDL license and certified as a bus driver.

As an incentive, Ingram said the school system would offer the emergency driver's a \$500 supplement at the end of the year if he/she had driven a minimum of eight full days or 16 half days throughout the year. Ingram said the regular substitute bus drivers also should be offered this incentive.

"I think it's (the plan) a good-faith effort on our part to take care of the people who are working for us but also provide a service," Ingram said.

She told board members there are teachers already within the

Supreme Court decision reveals the true importance of a Presidential appointment to the Supreme Court. Private property rights are at issue. Simply stated, now when you hear a knock at your door, it might not be a clipboard-carrying government man, it could be a big developer wanting to build another shopping center or hotel or gas station in your front yard. They no longer even have to call it "progress." They only have to say: "public purpose" because after all, the tax revenue is needed.

In Alabama, private property rights remain sacred. However, our state and local governments seem to always have budget problems, which may mean there is future potential for folks to lose their property. I encourage the Governor and the Legislature to consider placing limits on the use of eminent domain for private developments.

Commissioner Sparks can be contacted at: ron.sparks@agi.alabama.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear EHS Class of 1961:

I gratefully acknowledge your fifty-dollar donation to Elba High School's library fund as a memorial for classroom Rebecca Willis Johnson.

I understand Rebecca was the first member of your class to die. I offer my condolences to her family and to you. I will use the money to purchase something from my list of requests. A bookplate will be attached indicating your class funded the item(s) in memory of Rebecca Willis Johnson.

I feel privileged to live in a town where the people support the school system. Thank you for thinking of your alma mater. Please visit us any time.

Sincerely,
Margaret Calhoun, LMS

Editor,

I'm not going into a long song and dance about the legalities of flying the American flag. I imagine a vast majority of Americans that care anything about the flag at night. I know how to take care of the flag.

I try to be very courteous and respectful when I tell someone that their flag needs replacing because it is torn and shredding. Many times this is caused by high winds such as we had following the recent hurricanes.

In the past two weeks I have stopped by the Post Office and asked that they please take the ragged and torn flag down until they could get a replacement. Answering comment was "we will when we get a new one". I.

It should come down now since it is in such a ragged condition.

I believe that when the Post Office was built a ground light was placed near the flag pole to illuminate the flag at night. I have never seen it shining on the flag even though it is flown at night.

I ask the people of Elba to fly the flag with pride and check it frequently.

Jim Nichols
Elba, Ala.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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CRIME

Ala., charged with rape in the first degree. McAlley said his victim was 11-years-old.

Chad Bourwell, age 18, of Elba, Ala., charged with sexual abuse in the second degree, two charges of rape in the second degree; three charges of sodomy in the second degree. McAlley said his victim was 12 to age 15.

Richard Earl Boutwell, age 21, of Elba, Ala., charged with rape in the second degree. McAlley said his victim was 12-years-old.

Olivia Adelle Hughes, age 20, of Andalusia, Ala., charged with production of obscene materials, specifically the manufacture, production of a video

involving children engaged in acts of a sexual nature. McAlley said Hughes reportedly fled before the warrants were issued Friday and is now listed as a fugitive from justice.

Anthony Edlow Hutchison, age 19, of Elba, Ala., charged with rape in the second degree; unlawful furnishing of a controlled substance to a minor; sodomy in the second degree. McAlley said his victim was 14-years-old. Also, he said Hutchison was arrested earlier this year on an unrelated charge of rape in the second degree.

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Kinston Schools. This request was unanimously approved.

In other business, commissioners:

Approved a motion asking the health department to do a study to allow the expansion of the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery.

Approved credit applications for the county landfill for SIMCO Construction of Decatur, Ala., and J&S

Hammer Construction of Ashford, Ala.

Approved the appointment of Jerry Goodson (District 2) and Sam Reynolds (District 5) to the Department of Human Resources Board.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 8, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

County BOE approves incentive plan for substitute bus drivers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Tuesday, July 26, board members approved an incentive plan to help keep substitute bus drivers available during the school year.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said available substitute bus drivers continue to be a problem; therefore, she along with transportation supervisor, Ted Fillingim, and the school principals created a proposal to present board members for approval.

She said the proposal calls for the school system to have two people at each of the three school sites as on-call emergency substitute drivers. The teachers willing to be on-call emergency substitute drivers would agree to drive a route if a driver could not be found. The teachers also would be required to have a CDL license and certified as a bus driver.

As an incentive, Ingram said the school system would offer the emergency driver's a \$500 supplement at the end of the year if he/she had driven a minimum of eight full days or 16 half days throughout the year. Ingram said the regular substitute bus drivers also should be offered this incentive.

"I think it's (the plan) a good-faith effort on our part to take care of the people who are working for us but also provide a service," Ingram said.

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Obituaries

ROBERT CLAYTON HICKMAN SR.

Mr. Robert Clayton Hickman Sr., age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, July 22, 2005 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

He was founder and president of Hickman Moving and Storage, Elba and Dothan.

Funeral services were held July 25, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend David Richburg officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Contributions may be made in honor of Mr. Hickman to the American Cancer Society, 1810 Montgomery Hwy., Dothan, AL or to Whitewater Baptist Church, Elba.

Survivors include his son: Rob (wife, Kristy) Hickman, Fairhope, Ala.; two sisters: Clara Bowen, Phenix City, Ala.; Bobbie Bozeman, Opp, Ala.; and two grandsons.

ROY F. PRICE

Mr. Roy F. Price, age 70, a resident of Magnolia Springs, Ala., died Tuesday, July 19, 2005 in a Fairhope hospital.

Mr. Price grew up in the Elba area and graduated from Zion Chapel High School in 1953.

A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel at First Baptist Church in Andalusia Friday, July 29, at 2 p.m. His nephew, Reverend Keith Martin, of New Albany, Ind., will conduct the service.

Mr. Price was preceded in death by a son, Patrick Price; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price; a brother, Fred Price; and a sister, Lois Price Martin.

He is survived by his wife: Charlene Price; a daughter: Kimberly Price Cable; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Alto Martin.

THOMAS H. DANLEY

Mr. Thomas H. "Tommy" Danley, age 53, of Brantley, Ala., died Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

Funeral services were held July 22, 2005 from the Chapel of Turner Funeral Home in Loxley, Ala., with Rev. Wayne Webber and Rev. Gary Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Danley was preceded in death by his father, Willie Ferrell Danley.

Survivors include his wife: Weader Williamson Danley; two sons: Christopher (wife, Cricket) Danley, Pine Level,

Thank you for the flowers, cards, visits, food, phone calls, and prayers during this time of our sorrow. It will not be forgotten. May God bless each of you.

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HICKMAN FAMILY
The family of Clayton Hickman would like to express their appreciation for all the acts of kindnesses shown to them since the passing of Clayton. Thank you to the families of Elba for your support during the time of our need.

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Patrick (wife, Angel) Danley, Elba; his mother: Edna Kilcrease Danley, Pine Level; one brother: Keith (wife, Dawn) Danley, Opp; and six grandchildren.

SARA FRANCES DONALDSON

Mrs. Sara Frances Donaldson, age 83, of Opp, Ala., died Sunday, July 24, 2005 at Opp Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at Wyatt Funeral Home with Elbert Smith and Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed at Rhodes Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters: Shannon Ogelsby, Phyllis Brooks and Janie Phillips; one son: Jesse Donaldson; two brothers: James Bedsole and Cecil Bedsole; two sisters: Joyce Denmark and Myrtle Vinson; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS



THE ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HELD THEIR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL the week of July 11-14th. The entire week was focused on The Circle G. Ranch. Children enjoyed bible stories, fun crafts, games and music. Those attending Vacation Bible School pictured above were: front row - Alexia Rodriguez, Audrey Rodriguez, Ashlin Hodge, Elliot Steinwinder, Laura Davis, Reagan Davis, J.R. Davis second row - Griffin Martin, Jacob Bryant, Foy Brunson, Ella Dewberry, Caitlin Cooper, Logan Parks, Anna Bowers, Tyler Berry third row - Michael Jackson, Isabella Jackson, Cameron Johnson and Sunny, Clark Logan, Chase Moseley, Paige Dewberry, Mary Brunson, Adrian Lock, Anna Hardy and Eric Davis.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Kyles
Associate Pastor
Greater New Zion Baptist Church

Hold on in the midst of the storm

Mark 4:35-41 verses

As we see in our text today, Jesus had been preaching and teaching the world all day. When they launched out into the sea, Jesus resting at this time. Here we are told that it was the hinder part of the ship. I believe He slept to try to stir up prayer. Upon trial, their faith appeared weak, and their prayers strong. Sometimes when the church is in a storm, Christ seems as if He were asleep, unconcerned in the troubles of His people, and regardless of their prayers. He does not appear for their relief. Hab. 2:3 says so when He sleeps he doth not sleep, the keeper of Israel does not even slumber. I believe God sometimes puts us through storms to build our faith. People of God you may be going through a storm right now, but know that God will never leave you nor forsake you. The way we begin in a storm should be different from the way we end a storm. Remember a ship that has Christ in it may be tossed but will not sink! As Christ spoke to the storm and said peace be still, likewise we should do the same with our storms. We have the power within us to speak to our mountains and they shall be removed.

In my closing, I would like to leave with you this poem:
When winds and waves assault my keel, He does preserve it, He doth steer, even when the boat seems most to reel. Storms are the triumph of His art: though He may close His eyes, yet not His heart.
And again I say "Hold on in the midst of your storm."

Gospel Singing planned at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

There will be a gospel singing at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, July 30, beginning at 7 p.m.

The church is located on Coffee County Road 228 near Victoria. Everyone is invited.

Youth Evangelist Conference to be held at Harris Temple COGIC

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. Youth Ministries presents Youth Evangelist Conference 2005 on November 17-19, 2005 live at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ. The church is located at 747 Adams Ave., Elba, Ala. The theme being (The NOW Generation), their call: "To celebrate the King of Glory", and the purpose: "To Seek the Face of God" (Psalm 24:6 and 1 Peter 2:9) Supporter is William and Lady Sonia Ellison and Conference host is Pastor and First Lady.

For more information or if you want more detailed facts about the conference please contact Minister Johnathon Lockett (Conference Coordinator) at 334-897-2862 or email at trez2005@aol.com and they will mail you the information needed.

Congregational Community Family Day planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

A "Congregational - Community Family Day" is planned for Saturday, August 6, 2005 starting at 2 p.m.

Members of the church congregation will host a day of fun, food, and Fellowship for the community, church, and anyone who would like to be a part of the fellowship. Many activities for the entire family have been planned including the main attraction, A Giant Water Slide, Bingo, Apple Bobbing, Fishing for Bible Facts, Sponge throw, Bible Cup-cake walk and many surprises. A hamburger/ hot dog cook out with homemade ice cream will take place later in the afternoon. A Gospel singing finale will begin at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Bro. Richard Moss, Interim Pastor and congregation invite everyone come out for a day of old-fashioned fellowship.

Mt. Olive is located in the Pine Level Community, Elba. For more information, please contact Renita Bowers, 527-3585



Cheryl Cook

Canadian gospel artist Cheryl Cook will be in concert at the Elba Church of God Sunday night, July 31st at 6:00 PM. She has a remarkable testimony and she has a wonderful voice and sweet sound in her ministry. Everyone is invited to the concert.

Special Youth Meetings to be held at Elba Recreation Center

There will be a Youth Meetings at the Elba Recreation Center Friday July 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Rev. John Isaac. Special music is planned.

For more information call Jarred Stanley at 897-5553.

Last Blast Youth Rally "Lock-In" Rally to be held at Elba United Methodist Church

Elba United Methodist Church will be hosting Summer 2005 Last Blast Youth Rally "Lock In". All students, grades 7-12 are invited to come Friday, July 29 beginning at 6 p.m. until Saturday, July 30 at 8 a.m. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and a Bible. Everything else is provided. The speaker will be Reid Jones and he will be speaking on "Abstinence in Motion". Parents must sign a release form before leaving their youth at the fellowship hall. For more information call Elba United Methodist Church at 897-2219. Hope to see you there!!

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SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 18:15-35
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Ida Martin, Jada Reffegge, Hazel Scott, Lela Tyson, Rona Love, Rev. J.L. Grayer, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Marie Tillis
***JULY BIRTHDAYS: Kathy Johnson - July 24, Beverly Williams - July 25, Bryce Phillips - July 26, Ella Brooks - July 27 (In Memory Of), Myron Duncan - July 28, Willie Calvin Tillis, Sr. - July 29, Freddie Culver - July 31.
***LIVING THE GOSPEL TOUR: The "Living the Gospel Tour" will feature Glory Bound Gospel Singer of Cordoba, Ga., Flying Clouds of Brundidge, Ala.; The Mighty Gates of Joy of Luverne, Ala.; The Knight Family of Elba; and Min. Roderick and the Anointed Voices of Elba. This event will take place at Elba High School Auditorium and will begin at 6 p.m. on August 13, 2005. More info, call Grace Daniels at (334) 897-5152 or Marvin "Bread" Luckett. This is sponsored by MMA Productions.

Rev. Rufus L. Wood, pastor of Love Center Baptist Church in Panama City, Fla. Shiloh Baptist Church of Tarentum, Ala. will be holding their Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 30, 2005 at 9 a.m. until. Lots of fun for the entire family, including Bingo, Sack Races, Rides, Hot Dogs, Crackers, Dominoes, Hamburgers, and moonwalk to be enjoyed.
***DISTRICT UNION: The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union will convene with the Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, Ala. on Sunday, July 31, 2005 at 9:45 a.m.
***BENEFIT PROGRAM: A benefit program for Sister Mattie Rodgers is to be held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. on July 31, 2005 at 6 p.m. All groups, choirs, soloists and ministries are invited to participate in this helping hand. Minister Pam Mitchell will be the Mistress of Order.
***AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Did you know? Richard Evans was Spains first African American Minister. Did you know? The First Major African American Art gallery was established at Howard University. Question, Who was the first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. degree? Answer: Ida Gray Nelson Rollins, who received her D.D.S. degree in 1890. Notable Quote: Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.
Booker T. Washington, educator. Today is a good day to be grateful.

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LIFESTYLES

Showers honor Vaughan Boyd bride-elect of Grant Lyons

Room to Room Shower

Bride-elect Vaughan Boyd was entertained on Saturday morning, July 9, at the home of Freddie Pearce, when she, Lynn Jaker, Lynn Corder, Kathy Smith, Millie McCollough and Allona Vaughan hosted a "Room to Room" shower. Wearing a corsage made of colorful kitchen gadgets on the shoulder, her suetress, Shanna Tillis Handley greeted her arriving guests. Then Lynn Baker led everyone in a highly amusing bridal game based on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire". Which was designed to reveal Vaughan's housekeeping skills. Failure to answer correctly brought on some hilarious consequences.

Lingerie Shower

Vaughan Boyd was entertained on July 16th at a popular Mexican restaurant in Birmingham when Jamie Dorsett, Sheri Dorsett and Shanna Tillis Handley gathered a group of Vaughan's close friends for an evening of dinner and laughter. The flower hung pergola was the perfect setting for tables made festive with hot pink and white polka dotted runners and napkins. Large margarita glasses filled with hot pink Gerber daisies, pink hydrangeas, pink roses and Queen Ann's lace centered the tables. An outstanding decoration was the large white tub which

Super Kids meeting. It was an opportunity for everyone in the church to join together in one prayer voice. During the morning service, Reverend Stanley Carter led Vaughan and Grant to the altar, gave them his blessing and led the congregation in a special prayer time for them. At the conclusion of the service he invited them to stand with him in the narthex so that everyone could speak to them and give them their prayer cards.

The Prayer Shower was hosted by the Garrett Dunaway Sunday School class, whose member include: Minnie Crook, Peggy Devane, Martha Guerrero, Janice Phillips, Jo Ann Cannon, Nona Cooper, Amorette Helms, Ruth Inman, Mary Alice Lee, Betty Vaughan, Frances Vaughan, Ethel Walker, Anyce Brazelton, Miriam Kennedy, Gwen Marsh, and Kate Murphee.

Plans are for the Prayer Shower to be given for all Methodist couples prior to their weddings.

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Madison Laine Maddaloni

David and Dustin Maddaloni announce the arrival of their sister, Madison Laine. Madison was born March 3, 2005 at Flowers Hospital, Dothan. At birth she weighed 9 pounds and 9 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Madison's parents are Chris and Pam Maddaloni of Elba. Her grandparents are Herschel and Patsy Williams of Elba and the late John and Frances Maddaloni of Eclectic.

Mother Daughter Girl Talk Seminar planned at St. Beulah Missionary Bapt.

The Youth Department of the St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor two seminars at St. Beulah on August 13, 2005 for all young ladies and their parents in the Coffee County area. The Red Circle members will serve as hostesses. Dr. Asha Voss and Dr. LaYoya Torrence of Dothan will conduct the seminars. Dr. Voss and Dr. Torrence are proud to offer the seminars as a public service to the community. They are in private, and their specialties are - Obstetrics and Gynecology. The first session is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and is for girls ages 9-13 years of age. The second session is from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is for girls 14-18 years of age.

The seminar goals are: 1) To help establish a dialogue between mother and daughters. 2) To help educate mother on how to talk about personal issues early in order to gain a freedom in community with their children effectively. 3) To demonstrate facts about numerous misconceptions pertaining to reproduction. 4) To educate young women about the changes they should expect in their bodies. 5) To help young adolescents/teenagers be aware of sexual exploitation and know how to respond to such dangers.

Each session will be geared toward the age level of the participants. Call the St. Beulah church office at 347-7743, Mrs. Deveda Johnson, 393-0061 or Mrs. Dolores Simmons, 347-0193. Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman, Pastor, Lunch will be served from 12 noon 12:45 p.m.

OCAP announces the addition of Harriet McFarlin to their staff

Mary Terry, executive director of the Organized Community Action Program announces the addition of Harriet McFarlin as Head Start Director for the organization. McFarlin comes from Ozark and holds a BS degree in Business Administration, Master's of Science in Justice & Public Safety and Special Education, Educational Leadership Certification, Education Specialist Degree in Administration and a Superintendent Certification.

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Ann Beck to be honored with Retirement Reception

Ann Beck is being honored with a Retirement Reception Friday, July 29, 2005 from 5:00 - 6:30 in the evening, by her children and grandchildren, at The Olde South Inn in Elba. Everyone is invited to attend.

McDonald-Bowers wedding planned for Saturday, July 30th

The parents of Kimberly Hope McDonald and Brenton Lee Bowers, both of Elba, request the honour of your presence Saturday, July 30, at the wedding ceremony of their children.

The ceremony will take place at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church, located on County Road 330 north of Elba, at 6 p.m.

Following the wedding, a reception will be held at Moseley's Studios in Elba.

Haynes Family Reunion to be held August 5-11

The Haynes family of New Brockton, Ala. will be celebrating their 11th Haynes Family Reunion: August 5-7, 2005. The theme will be Standing on His Promises. For more information regarding the reunion, please call Gayle White at 308-9829.

Spring Dean's List announced at UA

A total of 3,485 students enrolled during the spring 2005 term at The University of Alabama in the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above, or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all A's).

The spring 2005 lists include the following UA students from the local area: Ella Brunson of Elba, Stephanie Christina Sasser of Elba (4.0 GPA), Lauren Rachel Allums of New Brockton, and Kayla Kennedy of Brantley (4.0 GPA).

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Lesley & Lindsey Hall to be in concert at Elba Church of God Saturday, July 30th

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Kinston School is hosting Open House on Monday August 1

Kinston School is holding Open House beginning at 3:15 pm August 1, 2005. Students will be able to pick up their schedule, rent lockers and meet their teachers. Kindergarten through 6th grade orientation will be held from 4:00PM-5:00PM in the auditorium.

New Brockton students to pick up schedules August 2nd

New Brockton High School invites all its students to pick up their schedules in the school library on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Due to construction, classroom visitation will be held at a later date. Students are to report to the gym on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:50 a.m. to begin the new school year.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Left to Right, Front Row: Veronica Kidd, Caitlyn Napper, Peyton Wilkerson, Shelby Stephens, Sheldyn Sanders; Back Row: Tyler Beckworth, Travis Black, Rusty Hardy, Ryan Nelson, and Jencie Allen.

ZC Community Learning Center conducts extended Day Summer Program

The Zion Chapel Community Learning Center (ZCCLC) conducted an Extended Day Summer Program from June 13-June 24, 2005. This program for children grades K through 6th grade, and is sponsored by a 21st Century grant program.

The theme for the first week of the program was "The Earth is our Ocean". During this week, students learned about the oceans of the planet, and the marine plants and animals that live in these large bodies of water. Learning activities for this week included researching marine life on the Internet, viewing presentations by local

volunteers, drawing life-size models of whales in the parking lot, and interactive scientific experiments. At the end of the first week, students took a field trip to Gulf World in Panama City, Fla. to view marine life in person.

The theme for the second week of the program was "Wild African Safari". Activities for this week included Internet research of African plants, animals and people, interactive arts and crafts, creating a large map of Africa with all of its individual nations and creating tribal masks. At the end of this week, the young explorers ventured to

the Montgomery Zoo to see wild African beasts up close.

In addition to their thematic material, students also had the pleasure of learning conversational French from local volunteer, Ms. Wanda Shirley. Ms. Shirley taught the students the proper way to pronounce common phrases in French, and several French songs.

Ms. Jane Coale, the ZCCLC Coordinator, has deemed the first summer session of the Extended Day program a "Complete success" and wishes to thank all of the volunteers and teachers that helped to make it happen.

Christy Semonelle graduates from the AL Department of Corrections Academy recently

After completing a demanding program which is second to none, Christy Semonelle gradu-

ated from the AL Department of Corrections Academy on July 21, 2005. She will serve as an

officer at Kilby Corrections, and will be continuing her education at AUM in Montgomery.

Faith Assembly of God Church to host gospel singing Saturday, July 30th

Faith Assembly of God Church will be holding a Saturday night singing on July 30 at 7 p.m. The singers will be

Singing Miracles and other talent. The church is located on 499 Meredith Street in Enterprise. For more informa-

tion please call 894-6371 or 393-6620.

Gospel Concert planned at Country Cathedral on Saturday, August 13th

There will be a gospel concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy 84 E. of Opp, Saturday, August 13, 2005.

Featuring The Burning Bush Family, The Smith Family, Bowdy Brown, and The Dyess Family. The concert will start at

6:30 p.m. No admission charge. Everyone is welcome.

Alabama Power offers energy saving tips for summer weather

Summer is here, and so is warm weather. As temperatures rise, Alabama Power offers these tips to conserve energy and reduce costs on electricity bills.

• Clean or change your air conditioner filter regularly. A dirty filter cuts down on air flow and reduces efficiency. Air conditioners are the biggest source of electric use during the summer. In many homes, air conditioning costs can account for more than half the electric bill.

• Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or slightly higher. The monthly savings could be between 3 percent and 5 percent. Raise the thermostat higher when away from home for extended periods.

• When buying a new air conditioning unit or heat pump, select one with a higher Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating. The higher the SEER, the more efficient the unit.

• Close drapes or blinds during the day to reduce heat from direct sunlight. Use fans to cir-

culate air. Install ceiling fans (clockwise rotation) in rooms frequently used.

• Use fluorescent lights instead of incandescent lamps when possible. Fluorescent lights last about 10 times longer and produce more light for the same amount of energy.

Insulation

• Add insulation in the attic. Better attic insulation can save as much as 30 percent on cooling and heating costs. Insulation is measured in R-value. The higher the R-value, the better the insulation. Experts recommend insulation with an R-value of R-30 in ceiling areas.

• Make sure exterior windows and doors close snugly. Apply weather stripping and caulking where needed. Proper insulation can make a big difference in keeping a house cooler in the summer.

Kitchen tips

• Instead of heating the oven on hot days, use the microwave. If you are using the oven, avoid

opening the door, which can let out 20 percent of the heat. Use a cooking timer instead. When using the stovetop, choose pans that match the size of the burners. This cuts down on heat lost to the air.

• Use the dishwasher only when you have a full load. Smaller loads use the same amount of water and power. If you don't need the dishes right away, turn off the heated drying cycle.

In addition to the energy saving tips, customers can get a customized Energy Check Up in as little as five minutes by going to alabamapower.com. Customers can take the easy check up or the full check up and get customized information on ways to save on their energy bill. Both check ups will issue a full report.

For more information on saving energy and cutting costs on your monthly bill, contact Alabama Power at 1-800-990-APCO (2726) or www.alabamapower.com.

National Security declares quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc. declared a quarterly dividend of \$.215 per share. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of & .86 per share. This cash

dividend is payable on August 31, 2005 to shareholders of record August 8, 2005. The National Security Group, Inc., through three wholly owned subsidiaries, offers a range of

personal lines life, accident and health, property and liability insurance in twelve states. The company is listed on the NASDAQ National market under the symbol: NSEC.

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